rights could not be recorded. The draft Bill proposes to recognize such rights on land, minor forest produce, etc. of forest dwelling Scheduled Tribes. The draft Bill prepared by the Ministry reconciles the twin objective of undoing the historical injustice done to the tribal communities with the concern for environment protection.

The proposed Bill is, however, still a tentative draft Bill and to be finalized as per the established procedure.

Post Matriculation Scholarship to ST students

† 570. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sought by the Rajasthan Government for giving post martic scholarship to Scheduled Tribes students;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government against this demand;

(c) the reasons and basis for sanctioning lesser amount; and

(d) whether it is not a violation of their rights?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The State Government of Rajasthan forwarded a claim of Rs. 1859.82 lakhs for Central Assistance for the year 2005-06, in regard to Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST students. An amount of Rs. 750.00 lakh had already been released as 1st instalment to State Government on 24.6.2005.

On scrutiny of the claim, various inadequacies/inaccuracies etc. were found. The State Government was accordingly advised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs by means of letter dated 16.11.2005 to give proper justification and clarification in this regard. The 2nd and last instalment can be considered by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs only on receipt of proper justification/clarification from the State Government.

Schemes for Tribals in Andhra Pradesh

571. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes being implemented for tribals by the NGOs in Andhra Pradesh;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.